

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 8, 2009 and the Advisory Action mailed June 19, 2009 have been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18-22, 24-28, 30-34 and 36-100 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By this amendment, claims 55-98 are canceled. Consequently, claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18-22, 24-28, 30-34, 36-54, and 99-100 are currently pending in the instant application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

In the FINAL Office Action, the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter with respect to claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18-22, 24-28, 30-34, 36-54 and 99-100.

In view of the foregoing remarks, this claimed invention, as amended, is not rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicant therefore requests the entry of this response, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite issuance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned patent agent at (202) 585-8316.

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